

August 2020

This is a deserted place and it is already late. Send them away so they can go and buy food.

No need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves. (Matthew 14: 13-21)

Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid. O you of little faith, why did you doubt? (Matthew 22-33)

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it. (Luke 11: 27-28)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1: 39-56)

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. (Matthew 15: 21-28)

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. You are Peter and on this rock

I will build my church. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 16: 13-20)

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16: 21-27)

Eternal Father, You blessed Padre Pio of Pietrelcina with the five wounds of Christ, and transformed him into a living image of our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified. You made him an inspiring witness to the saving love of Jesus in our world. He became a powerful reminder to all of Your infinite mercy and goodness. Help me, Lord, to imitate his devout faith, prayerful holiness, patient forgiveness, and loving compassion for others. Grateful in advance for your response, I praise you Father, Who with the Son and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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Protest before God that you seek nothing except Him and what leads you to Him.

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Don't let the difficulties you encounter stop you from doing good.

3

Jesus is with you, and you have nothing to fear.

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Blessed be the fear that you have of yourself.

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The knowledge of your interior unworthiness is an extremely pure divine light.

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The great mercy of God...positions souls sheltered from feelings of vanity and pride.

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The great mercy of God (consolidates) humility, the foundation of true virtue and Christian perfection.

8

Draw very close to the heart of the divine Model.

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Breathe these holy words: *My beloved is mine and I am his.*

10

Let (the) divine Love of our hearts inflame and consume us with its grace.

11

Be cheerful and tranquilly rest in the arms of Jesus.

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Mitigate your fears with the greatest confidence in Jesus.

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It is from (Jesus) alone that you should expect many blessings.

14

It is time to confess it: We are miserable creatures. We are only capable of doing a little good.

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God, in His goodness, has pity on us, and is content with very little.

16

God in His goodness accepts the preparation of our hearts.

17

Jesus continues to love me. He draws me closer to Himself.

18

(Jesus) has forgiven my sins, and I would say that He remembers only His own mercy.

19

Each morning (Jesus) comes into my heart and pours out all the effusions of His goodness.

20

Don't let little imperfections discourage you.

21

Try to be always watchful in order to avoid sin.

22

When you see that you fail in some way, bend your knees before God ...

23

Be embarrassed at your scarce fidelity.

24

Humble yourself greatly.

25

Ask our Lord's pardon.

26

Propose to be more watchful in the future; and then get up immediately and carry on.

27

Failings and little flights of the passions are inevitable as long as we are in this life.

28

Self-love never dies before we do, but it will accompany us to the tomb.

29

We must always feel the sensitive assaults of the passions.

30

When will it be that we, totally dead before God, let God will all that is necessary for us to do.

31

Be cheerful and rest trustingly in the arms of divine mercy, and do not fear.

**Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
and our holy Mother, pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen**

Praying the Month of August

Sunday : *(Recite the entire prayer **Stay With Me, Lord** as an act of entrustment to God and resignation to His Holy Will)*

Monday: Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often...Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without meaning and hope...Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness...Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Tuesday: Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow you...Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You ever more, and to be always in Your company...Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You... Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

Wednesday: Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing...Death, judgement and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, for that I need You...It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need you, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Thursday: Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of life, with all its dangers, I need You...Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Friday: Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You.

Saturday: Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong active love... Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love you perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus.

(Every day recite the following prayer)

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, You were generously endowed by God, the Giver of all good gifts, with the gifts of the Spirit, signing your body as a living witness to the saving Passion and Death of Jesus, His Son. Many looked upon the reflection of the Crucified Jesus in your body and experienced anew God's saving mercy. Through your ministry, God reconciled penitents to Himself and invited them to taste His sweetness in the Holy Eucharist. Through your powerful intercession before God, pray for us, that we may follow your example of prayer and penance and come to follow more closely our Risen Lord, so that one day we may rejoice with you in that kingdom where God calls all His faithful children to live in the light of His love and eternal peace.

Pray for us Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

God of mercy and love, you called St. Pio of Pietrelcina to extend the mystery of the cross visibly into the lives of sinners and sufferers, that they might be converted to believe in the Gospel. Through his intercession, strengthen all believers in the willingness to take up the cross daily and follow Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(Pray at least one of the following each day)

(Act of Faith)

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became a man and died for our sins, and who will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that my faith not falter. Pray that I believe with the strength of faith that supported you when others would not believe in the working of the Spirit in your life. Pray that I may always believe, especially in those moments when I would question. Help me to say always, with Mary Our Mother, YES to all God asks.

(Act of Hope)

O my God, trusting in Your infinite goodness and promises manifested through Your inspired Word, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins *through Your divine mercy and compassion*, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I never lose hope. In the trials and tribulations of life, pray that I trust in providence and await the Lord's saving help. Pray for me that I have the strength to bear my crosses as you bore yours, with my heart set on the crown awarded those who persevere trusting in the Lord's never-failing assistance.

(Act of Love)

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Pray that I learn to see in my sisters and brothers the face of Jesus, and that I may look at them with the eyes of my heart. Pray that God's love for me may be the measure I use in responding to those with whom I share life's journey. Help me to love others, as you loved all people, even those who persecuted you.

Praise of Mary Assumed into Heaven and Queen of All Creation

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy;

hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs,

mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate,

your eyes of mercy towards us.

And after this our exile

show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,

JESUS.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

That we may be made worthy

of the promises of Christ.

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, You have made us for yourself; Our hearts are restless until they rest in you. In Padre Pio of Pietrelcina You have given us a renewed image of Your Crucified Son, to inflame the hearts of a world grown cold to Your everlasting love.

Fulfill our longing through Jesus, for a world that hungers for peace and justice, for a world that longs for love.

Padre Pio celebrated the great mystery of Your love and became one with the Eucharistic Bread of Life, Jesus, Whose Body and Blood we offer and become when we are consumed as we consume.

Grant that we may witness to Jesus, as Padre Pio of Pietrelcina did and be moved, as he was moved, to relieve the suffering of others.

Jesus alone can satisfy the hungers of the human family. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of Padre Pio, lead us to You, that we may one day share the fullness of life.

You are God, living and reigning with the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.